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SECRETARY OF STATE

PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM)

SUBJ: SIMON VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. MY RECOMMENDATION IS SECRETARY SIMON SKIP YUGOSLAVIA
ON HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE.

2. WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN LAST SIX MONTHS
PRESENTED A SERIES OF DEMARCHES TO GOY THREATENING
IMPACT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS MOST NOTABLY VIS-A-VIS
SOVIET OVERFLIGHTS TO ANGOLA. FURTHERMORE, YUGOSLAV
IMPRISONMENT OF AMCIT TOTH WITHOUT ANY OSTENSIBLE
JUSTIFICATION IN MY VIEW REQUIRES SUITABLE RESPONSE.
I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY
BY TAKING SOME ACTION WHICH WILL PINCH. AS I HAVE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOY ALREADY MISTAKENLY BELIEVES
WE ARE ENGAGED IN PRESSURE TACTICS BECAUSE OF
SONNENFELDT FLAP AND GARMENT SPEECH. HOWEVER
THEY REGARD THESE TACTICS AS LARGELY INEFFECTUAL
AND INDEED WILL USE THEM TO ENHANCE NON-ALIGNED UNITY.
WITH COLOMBO SUMMIT COMING UP A PERCEIVED LACK OF
AMERICAN WILL COULD BE COSTLY ON BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES.

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EM ON OTHER HAND THEY ARE ENORMOUSLY WORRIED

ABOUT IMPACT IN NEW YORK CAPITAL MARKETS OF MULTI-LATERAL CLASHES. FOR THAT REASON THEY SEE SIMON VISIT AS VITAL TO INDICATE TO AMERICAN FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY THAT REGARDLESS OF MULTILATERAL AND OTHER FOREIGN POLICY DISPUTES U.S. ECONOMIC APPROACH TO YUGOSLAVIA IS BUSINESS AS USUAL.

4. IN PAST YEARS WE HAVE REACTED NEGATIVELY AGAINST GOY ACTIONS WHICH IMPINGED ON OUR VITAL INTERESTS BY EITHER REDUCING OF EVEN FREEZING MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CONTACTS. FOR REASONS I HAVE EXPLAINED AT LENGTH IN PREVIOUS CABLES, I DO NOT THINK THAT IS IN OUR INTEREST.

5. I EXPECT THERE ARE THOSE WHO WOULD SUGGEST THAT SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE FLAP MAKES IMPERATIVE U.S. ACTIONS INDICATING SUPPORT FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN RELATIVE AUTONOMY. SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO ROMANIA AND/OR POLAND WOULD SERVETHAT PURPOSE AS WELL AS INVITATION TO KARDELJ TO VISIT US THIS FALL. BUT IF WE ARE TO CONVINCE GOY THAT THERE IS "NO FREE RIDE" WE MUST BE PREPARED TO BACK UP DIPLOMATIC REMONSTRATION WITH CONCRETE ACTIONS WHICH SUGGEST THAT MAJOR BENEFIT GOY GETS FROM BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH US--FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT SUPPORT--IS NOT IMMUNE.
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